

## REPORT OF MEETING

**SUBJECT:** Public Information Meeting

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 17, 2015

**BRIDGE:** Bridge No. 0488 State Project No. 163-196 – Route 66 over P&W Railroad

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** Second Floor Conference Room, Windham Town Hall,  
979 Main Street Willimantic, Connecticut

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
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Four area residents were in attendance.

**TRANSACTIONS AND DETERMINATIONS:**

Bridge No. 0488 Route 66 over Providence & Worcester Railroad

A representative of BL Companies gave a brief Power Point presentation. The presentation identified and summarized existing Bridge No. 0488 and its deficiencies. The presentation also summarized the proposed design in regards to vertical alignment, staging, temporary bypass structure, rights-of-way, environmental permits, utilities, schedule, and cost. A handout with a short project description, an 8.5-inchx11-inch location map, and an 8.5-inch x 11-inch colored project site map was distributed to those in attendance for their information and use.

A Windham resident asked how the culvert just north of the bridge will be impacted. It currently handles a lot of water from upstream developments as it as a detention basin area because of limited outlet flow due to undersized outlet pipe. *A representative of BL Companies responded that design is only preliminary and that storm water runoff still needs to be studied.*

A Windham resident asked how Mackey's will be affected by the two-foot raise in vertical alignment. *A representative of BL Companies responded that Mackey's will be impacted*

*minimally by the vertical raise in the profile as it will match into existing grade near the eastern side of the property and will at most require minimal grading easements.*

A Windham resident asked can Mackey's get the Eversource contact information. Would they be able to run natural gas to property? *A representative of BL Companies responded that installing new utilities would be a utility betterment and would need to be funded solely by the utility provider. With that being said the decision whether or not to install the utility would be left to the utility providers although during this reconstruction would be an optimal time to do utility work. Subsequent to the meeting the contact information was shared with the resident via email.*

A Windham resident asked would the State be permanently taking the land that the temporary bridge is on. *A representative of BL Companies responded that a temporary easement will be given, very similar to leasing the land from the property owner. When the construction project is complete the site will be restored to existing conditions and the construction easement will lapse and the property will be returned to the possession of the owner.*

A Windham resident asked what happens if there is an accident on the property that is the construction easement and who would be liable? *A representative of BL Companies responded that the accident would be treated as if it typically happened on Route 66.*

A Windham resident asked if the State could put up a caution light at the end of recycling way. *A representative of BL Companies responded that it will be looked into, as it may be possible to install a temporary Flashing Yellow Light. A Representative of BL questioned if Recycling Way has filed an encroachment permit with the state to get the yellow flashing light. The answer was no.*

A Windham resident asked would the State provide flagmen during construction. *A representative of BL Companies responded that the state will provide flagmen when necessary during construction.*

A Windham resident asked how it is that the State can fill the green (fill) areas as represented on color presentations when Recycling way was instructed to dig out embankment for compensatory storage. *A representative of BL Companies responded that design is only preliminary and that hydraulics and hydrology will be studied and floodplain storage will be provided as necessary.*

A Windham resident asked will all the trees be cut down around location of temporary bypass for Route 66. *A representative of BL Companies responded that only the trees within the sloping limits will be cut down.*

A Windham resident asked what will be put back once construction is complete and will there be landscaping? *A representative of BL Companies responded that as wetland and environmental mitigation a landscape plan is usually required and most likely will require to landscape disturbed areas.*


A Windham resident asked if Recycling Way could get an at-grade crossing to Chronicle Road to reduce truck traffic entering onto Route 66 from Recycling Way. *A representative of BL Companies responded that the state is trying to remove its current at-grade crossings. The addition of a new at-graded crossing has been discussed with CTDOT Rails and the town of Windham on more than one occasion and at this time will not be granted.*

A Windham resident asked would property owners be responsible for vandalism of construction equipment because the location is subject to frequent vandalism. *A representative of BL Companies responded that it would be the contractor's responsibility to maintain and protect his equipment as storage containers and a temporary fenced in yard may be necessary to do so.*

Overall the project was well received by those present and the remaining handouts and presentation boards were left with the town.

We believe the minutes of this meeting reasonably reflect the content and findings of the meeting. Unless notified in writing to the contrary within ten (10) days of receipt of this report, we will assume all in attendance concur with the accuracy of this transcript.

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